

**Project Name**

Community Streetscape Improvements  
Hanover

**Date of Meeting**

October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006



DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

**HNTB Project #**

43343-PL-002

**Location**

Perry School/Hanover

**Purpose of Meeting**

**Project Initiation and Community  
Walk-through**

**Time**

Initiation Meeting: 2:00-2:45 pm

Walk-through: 2:45-4:00 pm

**Participants**

Sylvia Matthews (Hanover)

Susie Robinson (Hanover)

Petrina Chesson (Hanover)

Joyce Robinson-Paul (Hanover)

Sharlene Reed (DDOT)

Abraham Lerner (HNTB)

Tetsuya Yamamoto (HNTB)

Kirk Bereuter (HNTB)

Gregory Gersch (Eyebeam)

**MEETING MINUTES**

The Project Initiation Meeting was held between the community representatives of Hanover community, the project manager from the District Department of Transportation and HNTB representatives followed by the initial walk-through of the project site. The following is a summary of the discussion and the inventory of existing conditions.

**STREETSCAPE:**

- Ward 5 Planner pointed out that the emphasis of this project in this community should be focused on the smaller residential streets rather than the large arterial highways which create the boundary of the community. The community representatives generally agreed with this approach and the decision was made to focus the design efforts on N, O and P Streets NW with the exception of 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW.
- There is another grant for the community west of 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW to New Jersey along N Street NW.
- The banners will be provided at the main gateway locations of the community such as the intersections of New York Avenue and N Street NW, New York Avenue and 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, and North Capitol Street and O Street NW.
- In addition to the major community gateways (intersections), the banners will be implemented along 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Ward 5 Planner suggested that we create continuity along 1<sup>st</sup> Street by developing consistent design for Hanover and Eckington with small community names written at the bottom. It was agreed among the participants that the design team will explore various ways (design approaches) to create continuity along 1<sup>st</sup> Street using banners.
- Provide flower baskets with evergreen plants on light posts along Hanover Place. Hang them high enough to avoid vandalism but low enough for the maintenance access.

- The pre-cast concrete flower pots currently exist at the intersection of New York Avenue and N Street will be realigned and anchored on the pavement using asphalt by DDOT. The design team will provide the planting design for these planters.
- Consider placing a sign in the small park (owned by NPS) at the intersection of New York Avenue and N Street NW stating “Welcome to Truxton Circle.”
- The easternmost pole on Hanover Place should have a banner.
- The following is the summary of street tree planting beds treatments requested by the community representatives:
  - **N Street (south sidewalk):** Existing tree planting bed is a 3-foot wide continuous strip. Provide wrought iron fence around tree trunks (3 sides other than the curb side), sod between fences and small pavement to allow people to exit the parked cars onto the sidewalk. Plant Liriope inside of fence.
  - **N Street (north sidewalk):** Provide wrought iron fence on three sides of every other street tree planting beds. All beds planted with Liriope.
  - **O Street (south sidewalk):** Provide wrought iron fence on three sides of every street tree planting beds. All beds planted with Liriope.
  - **O Street (north sidewalk):** Plant Liriope in all existing street tree planting beds. (No wrought iron.)
  - **P Street (south sidewalk):** Plant Liriope in all existing street tree planting beds. (No wrought iron.)
  - **1<sup>st</sup> Street (east sidewalk):** From New York Avenue to O Street – Provide wrought iron fence on three sides of every street tree planting beds. All beds planted with Liriope. From O Street to P Street – No wrought iron fence. Plant Liriope around street tree trunks with sod in between. (No parking allowed in this zone. Therefore the paving for accessing on-street parking is not necessary.)
  - **New York Avenue (north sidewalk):** Plant Liriope in all existing street tree planting beds.
- Landscape architect pointed out that the total cost of their requests seems very high and hard to fit within the approved implementation budget. He suggested that the community representatives look at the big picture and prioritize the streets they want improved rather than spreading out to every street within the community.

#### **BANNERS:**

- The intersection of N Street NW and New York Avenue presents a good opportunity for placement of banners.
- Do not need banners on N Street NW.
- Include banners on First Street NW.

- Community coordinator recommended that HNTB talk to lifelong resident [Alverta Munman] about the history of the neighborhood. She said that the neighborhood used to be home to a Sealtest Dairy, the Crispy Pie Bakery (now an Italian bakery) and the original Sibley Hospital. She pointed out where, up until about five years ago, there used to be a dry cleaners, a market and another shop in the ground level of an apartment building opposite the green.
- Community member advised the HNTB team to contact resident Paul McElligot, an avid local history buff who was/is the Director of the Perry School. She said that, sadly, the original Truxton Circle landmark, a large fountain, was removed and transported to another neighborhood several years ago.
- Community Member pointed out that a scene from the sci-fi thriller spoof “Mars Attacks” was filmed on the corner of First and N Streets.
- Landmarks with graphic potential:

The William Spore (soda) Fountain Equipment factory, now home to The Brass Knob (which residents don’t seem particularly keen on).

- Ghost writing on the building includes:

William SPORE

Williams Suppliers

Sun Crisp Products

FOUNTAIN EQUIPMENT

And some other illegible writing

Armstrong Technical High School

Margaret Washington Vocational High School, + at least three other large, old school buildings

## PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

- It was announced that the project web site [www.DCStreetEnhancements.org](http://www.DCStreetEnhancements.org) will become live around the beginning of November.
- Next step – HNTB will develop the existing conditions inventory documents and present them to the community representatives at the next Community Workshop in November. HNTB will use the community workshop to help generate preliminary ideas and concepts of each improvement item.